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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 2385

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, IS, SY

SUBJ: FIGHTING IN THE NORTH

YESTERDAY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL GUR TOLD ARMATT AND VISITING WAR COLLEGE GROUP THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT FIGHTING ON MT HERMON TO LEAD TO MAJOR ESCALATION OF FIGHTING BETWEEN SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES ON THE GOLAN. COL REUTER, CHIEF IDF FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE, GAVE ME THE SAME EVALUATION AT WAR COLLEGE RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT. REUTER ALSO DISCUSSED ISRAELI AND SYRIAN ROADS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FORWARD POSITIONS ON HERMON. HE NOTED THAT WHILE THE ISRAELI ROAD WAS COMPLETED, THE SYRIAN ROAD WAS STILL A COUPLE OF KILOMETERS SHORT OF ITS DESTINATION SINCE "WE WON'T LET THEM FINISH IT." REUTER MAINTAINED THAT ISRAELI ROAD IS NOT RPT NOT IN LEBANESE TERRITORY.

REUTER ALSO REITERATED WHAT SENIOR IDF OFFICERS HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID TO DATT; ISRAEL WILL NOT ALLOW SYRIA TO TAKE BY FORCE THE HERMON POSITION OR ANY OTHER TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL DURING THE OCTOBER WAR. IF THE SYRIANS

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WANT THE TERRITORIES BACK, THEY WILL HAVE TO NEGOTIATE FOR THEM AND BE WILLING TO PAY A PRICE ON THEIR SIDE.

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